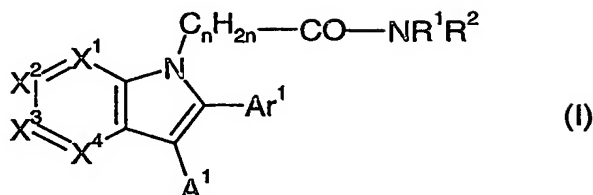


**CLAIMS**

1. A compound of formula (I):



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wherein

Ar<sup>1</sup> is a moiety containing at least one aromatic ring and possesses 5-, 6-, 9- or 10-ring atoms optionally containing 1, 2 or 3 heteroatoms independently selected from N, O and S, which ring is optionally substituted at any substitutable position by groups Q<sup>1</sup> and Q<sup>2</sup>;

Q<sup>1</sup> is halogen, hydroxy, C<sub>1-4</sub> alkyl, C<sub>1-4</sub> alkoxy, aryl, heteroaryl, CONR<sup>c</sup>R<sup>d</sup>, C<sub>m</sub>H<sub>2m</sub>NR<sup>c</sup>R<sup>d</sup>, -O-(CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>2-4</sub>R<sup>c</sup>R<sup>d</sup>, -O-C<sub>m</sub>H<sub>2m</sub>CONR<sup>c</sup>R<sup>d</sup>, -O-C<sub>m</sub>H<sub>2m</sub> aryl, -O-C<sub>m</sub>H<sub>2m</sub> heteroaryl, -O-CR<sup>e</sup>R<sup>f</sup>;

15 R<sup>c</sup> and R<sup>d</sup> are each independently selected from hydrogen, C<sub>1-4</sub> alkyl and C(O)C<sub>1-4</sub> alkyl;

or R<sup>c</sup>, R<sup>d</sup> and the nitrogen atom to which they are attached form a heteroaliphatic ring of 4 to 7 ring atoms, where said ring is optionally substituted by halogen, hydroxy, C<sub>1-4</sub> alkyl or C<sub>1-4</sub> alkoxy;

20 m is 0, 1, 2 or 3

R<sup>e</sup> and R<sup>f</sup> are each independently selected from hydrogen and C<sub>1-4</sub> alkoxy;

or R<sup>e</sup> and R<sup>f</sup> are linked by a heteroatom selected from N, O and S to form a heteroaliphatic ring of 4 to 7 ring atoms, where said ring is optionally substituted by halogen, hydroxy, C<sub>1-4</sub> alkyl or C<sub>1-4</sub> alkoxy;

25 and wherein said C<sub>1-4</sub> alkyl, C<sub>1-4</sub> alkoxy and aryl groups are optionally substituted by halogen or hydroxy;

Q<sup>2</sup> is halogen, hydroxy, C<sub>1-4</sub> alkyl or C<sub>1-4</sub> alkoxy, where said C<sub>1-4</sub> alkyl and C<sub>1-4</sub> alkoxy groups are optionally substituted by halogen or hydroxyl;

or Q<sup>1</sup> and Q<sup>2</sup> may be linked by a bond or a heteroatom selected from N, O and S to form a ring of 4 to 7 atoms, where said ring is optionally substituted by halogen, hydroxy, C<sub>1-4</sub> alkyl or C<sub>1-4</sub> alkoxy;

A<sup>1</sup> is C<sub>1-6</sub> alkyl, C<sub>2-6</sub> alkenyl, where said C<sub>1-6</sub> alkyl and C<sub>2-6</sub> alkenyl groups are optionally substituted by C<sub>1-4</sub> alkoxy or up to 5 fluorine atoms, or a non-aromatic ring of 3 to 8 ring atoms where said ring may contain a double bond and/or may contain a O, S, SO, SO<sub>2</sub> or NH moiety and where said ring is optionally substituted by one or two alkyl groups of up to 2 carbon atoms or by 1 to 8 fluorine atoms, or a non-aromatic bicyclic moiety of 4 to 8 ring atoms which ring may be optionally substituted by fluorine or hydroxy;

X<sup>1</sup> is N or CR<sup>a</sup>;

X<sup>2</sup> is N or CR<sup>3</sup>;

X<sup>3</sup> is N or CR<sup>4</sup>;

X<sup>4</sup> is N or CR<sup>b</sup>;

with the proviso that X<sup>2</sup> and X<sup>3</sup> are not both N;

R<sup>a</sup> and R<sup>b</sup> are each independently selected from hydrogen, fluorine, chlorine, C<sub>1-4</sub> alkyl, C<sub>2-4</sub> alkenyl or C<sub>1-4</sub> alkoxy, where said C<sub>1-4</sub> alkyl, C<sub>2-4</sub> alkenyl and C<sub>1-4</sub> alkoxy groups are optionally substituted by hydroxy or fluorine;

one of R<sup>3</sup> or R<sup>4</sup> is hydrogen, halogen, C<sub>1-4</sub> alkyl, C<sub>1-4</sub> alkoxy, CN, CO<sub>2</sub>H, CO<sub>2</sub>C<sub>1-4</sub> alkyl, aryl, heteroaryl or C(O)NR<sup>9</sup>R<sup>10</sup>, where said C<sub>1-4</sub> alkyl, C<sub>1-4</sub> alkoxy, aryl and heteroaryl groups are optionally substituted by hydroxy or fluorine;

R<sup>9</sup> is hydrogen or C<sub>1-4</sub> alkyl;

R<sup>10</sup> is hydrogen, C<sub>1-4</sub> alkyl, C<sub>2-4</sub> alkenyl or (CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>0-3</sub>R<sup>12</sup> or SO<sub>2</sub>R<sup>11</sup>;

R<sup>12</sup> is NR<sup>b</sup>R<sup>i</sup>, OR<sup>h</sup>, aryl, heteroaryl, indolyl or Het;

R<sup>h</sup> and R<sup>i</sup> are each independently selected from hydrogen and C<sub>1-4</sub> alkyl;

Het is a heteroaliphatic ring of 4 to 7 ring atoms, which ring may contain 1, 2 or 3 heteroatoms selected from N, O or S or a group S(O), S(O)<sub>2</sub>, NH or NC<sub>1-4</sub> alkyl;

R<sup>11</sup> is C<sub>1-4</sub> alkyl, C<sub>2-4</sub> alkenyl or (CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>0-3</sub>R<sup>13</sup>;

R<sup>13</sup> is aryl, heteroaryl, C<sub>1-4</sub> alkyl, C<sub>3-8</sub> heteroalkyl, Het or NR<sup>m</sup>R<sup>n</sup>, wherein Het is as hereinbefore defined, R<sup>m</sup> and R<sup>n</sup> are each independently selected from hydrogen, C<sub>1-4</sub> alkyl and CO<sub>2</sub>(CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>0-3</sub>aryl, and wherein R<sup>13</sup> is optionally substituted by halogen, C<sub>1-4</sub> alkyl or NR<sup>o</sup>R<sup>p</sup>, wherein R<sup>o</sup> and R<sup>p</sup> are each independently selected from hydrogen and C<sub>1-4</sub> alkyl;

and where  $R^{10}$  is optionally substituted by hydroxy, fluorine, chlorine,  $C_{1-4}$  alkyl,  $=O$ ,  $CO_2H$  or  $CO_2C_{1-4}$  alkyl;

or  $R^9$ ,  $R^{10}$  and the nitrogen atom to which they are attached form a heteroaliphatic ring of 4 to 7 ring atoms, where said ring is optionally substituted by  
5 halogen, hydroxy,  $=O$ ,  $C_{1-4}$  alkyl or  $C_{1-4}$  alkoxy;

the other of  $R^3$  and  $R^4$  is hydrogen, fluorine, chlorine,  $C_{1-4}$  alkyl,  $C_{2-4}$  alkenyl or  $C_{1-4}$  alkoxy, where said  $C_{1-4}$  alkyl,  $C_{2-4}$  alkenyl and  $C_{1-4}$  alkoxy groups are optionally substituted by hydroxy or fluorine;

$n$  is 1, 2, 3 or 4;

10  $R^1$  and  $R^2$  are each independently selected from hydrogen,  $C_{1-6}$  alkyl,  $C_{2-6}$  alkenyl,  $C_{1-6}$  alkynyl,  $C_{1-4}$  alkoxy,  $C_{3-8}$  cycloalkyl,  $C_{1-4}$  alkyl,  $(CH_2)_{0-3}R^{14}$ ;

$R^{14}$  is aryl, heteroaryl,  $NR^qR^r$ , Het, where Het is as hereinbefore defined;

$R^q$  and  $R^r$  are each independently selected from hydrogen and  $C_{1-4}$  alkyl;

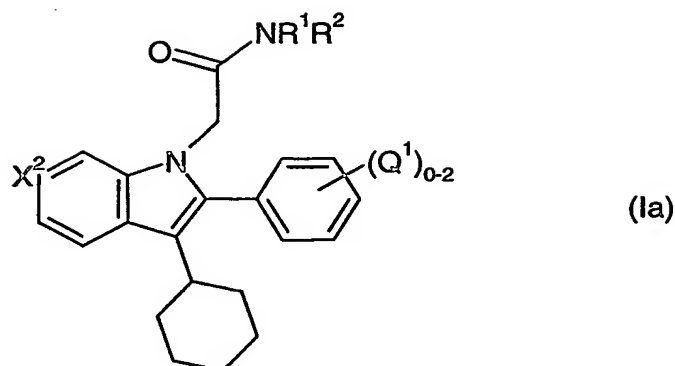
or  $R^q$ ,  $R^r$  and the nitrogen atom to which they are attached form a  
15 heteroaliphatic ring of 4 to 7 ring atoms;  
and  $R^1$  and  $R^2$  are optionally substituted by hydroxy,  $C_{1-4}$  alkyl,  $=O$ ,  $C(O)C_{1-4}$  alkyl or  $C_{3-8}$  cycloalkyl;

or  $R^1$ ,  $R^2$  and the nitrogen atom to which they are attached form a heteroaliphatic ring of 4 to 7 ring atoms, which ring optionally contains 1, 2 or 3  
20 additional heteroatoms selected from O and S or a group  $S(O)$ ,  $S(O)_2$ ,  $NH$  or  $NR^s$ , where  $R^s$  is  $C_{1-4}$  alkyl or heteroaryl, or said heteroaliphatic ring is fused to or substituted by a spiro-fused five- or six-membered nitrogen-containing heteroaliphatic ring, which heteroaliphatic ring is optionally substituted by hydroxy,  $C_{1-4}$  alkyl,  $C_{1-4}$  alkoxy,  $(CH_2)_{0-3}NR^tR^u$ , aryl, heteroaryl, or a  $-CH_2-$  or  $-CH_2CH_2-$  alkylene bridge,  
25 where aryl and heteroaryl are optionally substituted by hydroxy,  $C_{1-4}$  alkyl or  $C_{1-4}$  alkoxy;

$R^t$  and  $R^u$  are each independently selected from hydrogen,  $C_{1-4}$  alkyl and  $C(O)C_{1-4}$  alkyl,

or  $R^t$ ,  $R^u$  and the nitrogen atom to which they are attached form a  
30 heteroaliphatic ring of 4 to 7 ring atoms optionally substituted by  $C_{1-4}$  alkyl;  
or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

2. A compound of formula (Ia):



wherein  $Q^1$ ,  $X^2$ ,  $R^1$  and  $R^2$  are as defined in claim 1, or a pharmaceutically acceptable  
 5 salt thereof.

3. A compound as claimed in claim 1 selected from:

- 3-cyclohexyl-1-[2-(dimethylamino)-2-oxoethyl]-2-(4-methylphenyl)-1*H*-indole-6-carboxylic acid,
- 10 3-cyclohexyl-1-[2-(dimethylamino)-2-oxoethyl]-2-(2-fluorophenyl)-1*H*-indole-6-carboxylic acid,
- 3-cyclohexyl-1-[2-(dimethylamino)-2-oxoethyl]-2-(3-methylphenyl)-1*H*-indole-6-carboxylic acid,
- 3-cyclohexyl-1-[2-(dimethylamino)-2-oxoethyl]-2-(2-hydroxypyrimidin-5-yl)-1*H*-  
 15 indole-6-carboxylic acid,
- 3-cyclohexyl-1-[2-(dimethylamino)-2-oxoethyl]-2-(3-furyl)-1*H*-indole-6-carboxylic acid,
- 3-{6-carboxy-3-cyclohexyl-1-[2-(dimethylamino)-2-oxoethyl]-1*H*-indol-2-yl}pyridinium trifluoroacetate,
- 20 3-cyclohexyl-1-[2-(dimethylamino)-2-oxoethyl]-2-phenyl-1*H*-indole-6-carboxylic acid,
- 3-cyclohexyl-1-[2-(methylamino)-2-oxoethyl]-2-phenyl-1*H*-indole-6-carboxylic acid,
- 3-cyclohexyl-1-(2-morpholin-4-yl-2-oxoethyl)-2-phenyl-1*H*-indole-6-carboxylic acid,
- 3-cyclohexyl-1-(2-[[1-methylpyrrolidin-3-yl)methyl]amino}-2-oxoethyl)-2-phenyl-  
 25 1*H*-indole-6-carboxylic acid hydrochloride,

- 3-cyclohexyl-1-[2-(4-methylpiperazin-1-yl)-2-oxoethyl]-2-phenyl-1*H*-indole-6-carboxylic acid trifluoroacetate,
- 3-cyclohexyl-1-(2-{[1-(5-methyl-4*H*-1,2,4-triazol-3-yl)ethyl]amino}-2-oxoethyl)-2-phenyl-1*H*-indole-6-carboxylic acid trifluoroacetate,
- 5 3-cyclohexyl-1-(2-{methyl[(1-methylpiperidin-3-yl)methyl]amino}-2-oxoethyl)-2-phenyl-1*H*-indole-6-carboxylic acid trifluoroacetate,
- 3-cyclohexyl-1-(2-{[(1-methylpiperidin-3-yl)methyl]amino}-2-oxoethyl)-2-phenyl-1*H*-indole-6-carboxylic acid trifluoroacetate,
- 3-cyclohexyl-1-(2-{methyl[(1-methylpiperidin-2-yl)methyl]amino}-2-oxoethyl)-2-phenyl-1*H*-indole-6-carboxylic acid trifluoroacetate,
- 10 3-cyclohexyl-1-(2-{methyl[(5-methyl-1*H*-imidazol-2-yl)methyl]amino}-2-oxoethyl)-2-phenyl-1*H*-indole-6-carboxylic acid trifluoroacetate,
- 3-cyclohexyl-1-(2-{[2-(dimethylamino)ethyl]amino}-2-oxoethyl)-2-phenyl-1*H*-indole-6-carboxylic acid trifluoroacetate,
- 15 3-cyclohexyl-1-(2-{[2-(1-methylpyrrolidin-3-yl)ethyl]amino}-2-oxoethyl)-2-phenyl-1*H*-indole-6-carboxylic acid trifluoroacetate,
- 2-[3-cyclohexyl-2-phenyl-6-(1*H*-tetrazol-5-yl)-1*H*-indol-1-yl]-*N,N*-dimethylacetamide,
- 3-cyclohexyl-*N*-methyl-1-(2-morpholin-4-yl-2-oxoethyl)-2-phenyl-1*H*-indole-6-carboxamide,
- 20 3-cyclohexyl-1-[2-(dimethylamino)-2-oxoethyl]-2-phenyl-1*H*-pyrrolo[2,3-*b*]pyridine-6-carboxylic acid,
- 3-cyclohexyl-1-[2-(4-methylpiperazin-1-yl)-2-oxoethyl]-2-phenyl-1*H*-pyrrolo[2,3-*b*]pyridine-5-carboxylic acid,
- 25 3-cyclohexyl-2-{3-[2-(dimethylamino)ethyl]phenyl}-1-[2-(dimethylamino)-2-oxoethyl]-1*H*-indole-6-carboxylic acid,
- 3-cyclohexyl-1-[2-(dimethylamino)prop-2-en-1-yl]-2-(2-methyl-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroisoquinolin-7-yl)-1*H*-indole-6-carboxylic acid,
- 2-[3-cyclohexyl-6-(5-oxo-4,5-dihydro-1,2,4-oxadiazol-3-yl)-2-phenyl-1*H*-indol-1-yl]-*N,N*-dimethylacetamide,
- 30 *N,N*-dimethylacetamide,
- 3-[3-cyclohexyl-1-{2-[4-(dimethylamino)piperidin-1-yl]-2-oxoethyl}-2-(3-furyl)-1*H*-indol-6-yl]-1,2,4-oxadiazol-5(4*H*)-one,

- 3-cyclohexyl-1-[2-(dimethylamino)-2-oxoethyl]-N-(ethylsulfonyl)-2-phenyl-1H-indole-6-carboxamide,  
N-(benzylsulfonyl)-3-cyclohexyl-1-[2-(dimethylamino)-2-oxoethyl]-2-phenyl-1H-indole-6-carboxamide,
- 5 2-(4-chlorophenyl)-3-cyclohexyl-1-(2-morpholin-4-yl-2-oxoethyl)-1H-indole-6-carboxylic acid,  
3-cyclohexyl-2-(4-methoxyphenyl)-1-(2-morpholin-4-yl-2-oxoethyl)-1H-indole-6-carboxylic acid,  
1-[[5-carboxy-3-cyclohexyl-2-(4-methoxyphenyl)-1H-indol-1-yl]acetyl]-N,N-
- 10 dimethylpiperidin-4-aminium trifluoroacetate,  
1-[[5-carboxy-3-cyclohexyl-2-(3-furyl)-1H-indol-1-yl]acetyl]-N,N-dimethylpiperidin-4-aminium trifluoroacetate,  
(4-[[6-carboxy-2-(4-chlorophenyl)-3-cyclohexyl-1H-indol-1-yl]acetyl]morpholin-2-yl)-N,N-dimethylmethanaminium trifluoroacetate,
- 15 1-{2-[benzyl(methyl)amino]-2-oxoethyl}-3-cyclohexyl-2-phenyl-1H-indole-6-carboxylic acid,  
1-(2-amino-2-oxoethyl)-3-cyclohexyl-2-phenyl-1H-indole-6-carboxylic acid,  
3-cyclohexyl-1-[2-(7-methyl-2,7-diazaspiro[4.4]non-2-yl)-2-oxoethyl]-2-phenyl-1H-indole-6-carboxylic acid,
- 20 1-[2-(benzylamino)-2-oxoethyl]-3-cyclohexyl-2-phenyl-1H-indole-6-carboxylic acid,  
3-cyclohexyl-1-(2-[(3R,4R)-4-hydroxy-1,1-dioxidotetrahydro-3-thienyl]amino)-2-oxoethyl)-2-phenyl-1H-indole-6-carboxylic acid,  
3-cyclohexyl-1-[2-oxo-2-(3-pyridin-3-ylpyrrolidin-1-yl)ethyl]-2-phenyl-1H-indole-6-carboxylic acid,
- 25 3-cyclohexyl-1-(2-{methyl[1-(1,3-thiazol-2-yl)ethyl]amino}-2-oxoethyl)-2-phenyl-1H-indole-6-carboxylic acid,  
3-cyclohexyl-1-{2-[4-(4-methyl-4H-1,2,4-triazol-3-yl)piperidin-1-yl]-2-oxoethyl}-2-phenyl-1H-indole-6-carboxylic acid,  
3-cyclohexyl-1-{2-[4-(6-methoxypyridin-2-yl)piperazin-1-yl]-2-oxoethyl}-2-phenyl-
- 30 1H-indole-6-carboxylic acid,  
3-cyclohexyl-1-[2-(dimethylamino)-2-oxoethyl]-2-pyridin-4-yl-1H-indole-6-carboxylic acid,

- 3-cyclohexyl-1-(2-{3-[(dimethylamino)methyl]piperidin-1-yl}-2-oxoethyl)-2-phenyl-1H-indole-6-carboxylic acid,  
3-cyclohexyl-1-(2-{2-[2-(dimethylamino)ethyl]piperidin-1-yl}-2-oxoethyl)-2-phenyl-1H-indole-6-carboxylic acid,
- 5 (1-pyridin-4-ylethyl)amino]-2-oxoethyl}-2-phenyl-1H-indole-6-carboxylic acid,  
3-cyclohexyl-1-(2-oxo-2-{[(1-piperidin-1-yl)cyclopentyl)methyl]amino}ethyl)-2-phenyl-1H-indole-6-carboxylic acid,  
3-cyclohexyl-1-[2-oxo-2-(2-pyridin-4-ylpyrrolidin-1-yl)ethyl]-2-phenyl-1H-indole-6-carboxylic acid,
- 10 3-cyclohexyl-1-{2-[(1S,4S)-5-methyl-2,5-diazabicyclo[2.2.1]hept-2-yl]-2-oxoethyl}-2-phenyl-1H-indole-6-carboxylic acid,  
3-cyclohexyl-1-[2-(hexahydropyrrolo[1,2-a]pyrazin-2(1H)-yl)-2-oxoethyl]-2-phenyl-1H-indole-6-carboxylic acid,  
3-cyclohexyl-1-(2-{[2-(4-methylpiperazin-1-yl)ethyl]amino}-2-oxoethyl)-2-phenyl-1H-indole-6-carboxylic acid,
- 15 1H-indole-6-carboxylic acid,  
3-cyclohexyl-1-{2-[(cyclopropylmethyl)amino]-2-oxoethyl}-2-phenyl-1H-indole-6-carboxylic acid,  
3-cyclohexyl-1-[2-oxo-2-(prop-2-yn-1-ylamino)ethyl]-2-phenyl-1H-indole-6-carboxylic acid,
- 20 3-cyclohexyl-1-{2-[(2-morpholin-4-ylethyl)amino]-2-oxoethyl}-2-phenyl-1H-indole-6-carboxylic acid,  
3-cyclohexyl-1-{2-[methyl(1-methylpiperidin-4-yl)amino]-2-oxoethyl}-2-phenyl-1H-indole-6-carboxylic acid,  
3-cyclohexyl-1-(2-{[2-(diisopropylamino)ethyl]amino}-2-oxoethyl)-2-phenyl-1H-indole-6-carboxylic acid,
- 25 1H-indole-6-carboxylic acid,  
3-cyclohexyl-1-[2-(dimethylamino)-2-oxoethyl]-2-(3-fluoro-4-hydroxyphenyl)-1H-indole-6-carboxylic acid,  
3-cyclohexyl-1-[2-(dimethylamino)-2-oxoethyl]-2-(4-hydroxyphenyl)-1H-indole-6-carboxylic acid,
- 30 2-(3-chlorophenyl)-3-cyclohexyl-1-[2-(dimethylamino)-2-oxoethyl]-1H-indole-6-carboxylic acid,  
2-(4-chlorophenyl)-3-cyclohexyl-1-[2-(dimethylamino)-2-oxoethyl]-1H-indole-6-carboxylic acid,

- 3-cyclohexyl-1-[2-(dimethylamino)-2-oxoethyl]-2-(3-fluorophenyl)-1H-indole-6-carboxylic acid,
- 3-cyclohexyl-1-[2-(dimethylamino)-2-oxoethyl]-2-(4-fluorophenyl)-1H-indole-6-carboxylic acid,
- 5 3-cyclohexyl-1-[2-(dimethylamino)-2-oxoethyl]-2-(3-thienyl)-1H-indole-6-carboxylic acid,
- 2-[4-(aminocarbonyl)phenyl]-3-cyclohexyl-1-[2-(dimethylamino)-2-oxoethyl]-1H-indole-6-carboxylic acid,
- 2-[3-(acetyl amino)phenyl]-3-cyclohexyl-1-[2-(dimethylamino)-2-oxoethyl]-1H-indole-6-carboxylic acid,
- 10 3-cyclohexyl-1-[2-(dimethylamino)-2-oxoethyl]-2-[3-(1H-pyrazol-1-yl)phenyl]-1H-indole-6-carboxylic acid,
- 3-cyclohexyl-1-[2-(dimethylamino)-2-oxoethyl]-2-(3-hydroxyphenyl)-1H-indole-6-carboxylic acid,
- 15 3-cyclohexyl-1-[2-(dimethylamino)-2-oxoethyl]-2-(2-methylphenyl)-1H-indole-6-carboxylic acid,
- 3-cyclohexyl-2-(3,5-difluorophenyl)-1-[2-(dimethylamino)-2-oxoethyl]-1H-indole-6-carboxylic acid,
- 3-cyclohexyl-2-(3,4-difluorophenyl)-1-[2-(dimethylamino)-2-oxoethyl]-1H-indole-6-carboxylic acid,
- 20 3-cyclohexyl-2-(2,4-difluorophenyl)-1-[2-(dimethylamino)-2-oxoethyl]-1H-indole-6-carboxylic acid,
- 3-cyclohexyl-1-[2-(dimethylamino)-2-oxoethyl]-2-(4-methoxyphenyl)-1H-indole-6-carboxylic acid,
- 25 3-cyclohexyl-1-[2-(dimethylamino)-2-oxoethyl]-2-(3-methoxyphenyl)-1H-indole-6-carboxylic acid,
- 3-cyclohexyl-1-[2-(dimethylamino)-2-oxoethyl]-2-(2-methoxyphenyl)-1H-indole-6-carboxylic acid,
- 3-cyclohexyl-1-[2-(dimethylamino)-2-oxoethyl]-2-(2-hydroxyphenyl)-1H-indole-6-carboxylic acid,
- 30 2-(2-chlorophenyl)-3-cyclohexyl-1-[2-(dimethylamino)-2-oxoethyl]-1H-indole-6-carboxylic acid,



- 3-cyclohexyl-2-(3-fluorophenyl)-1-(2-{methyl[(1-methylpiperidin-3-yl)methyl]amino}-2-oxoethyl)-1H-indole-6-carboxylic acid,  
3-cyclohexyl-1-(2-{3-[(dimethylamino)methyl]piperidin-1-yl}-2-oxoethyl)-2-(3-fluorophenyl)-1H-indole-6-carboxylic acid,
- 5 3-cyclopentyl-1-{2-[methyl(phenyl)amino]-2-oxoethyl}-2-phenyl-1H-indole-6-carboxylic acid,  
3-cyclopentyl-1-[2-oxo-2-(4-pyrrolidin-1-ylpiperidin-1-yl)ethyl]-2-phenyl-1H-indole-6-carboxylic acid,  
3-cyclohexyl-1-[2-oxo-2-(4-pyrrolidin-1-ylpiperidin-1-yl)ethyl]-2-pyridin-4-yl-1H-
- 10 indole-6-carboxylic acid,  
1-(2-{[(1-acetylpyrrolidin-2-yl)methyl]amino}-2-oxoethyl)-3-cyclohexyl-2-pyridin-4-yl-1H-indole-6-carboxylic acid,  
3-cyclohexyl-1-{2-[3-(dimethylamino)piperidin-1-yl]-2-oxoethyl}-2-pyridin-3-yl-1H-indole-6-carboxylic acid,
- 15 3-cyclohexyl-1-{2-[[2-(dimethylamino)-2-oxethyl](methyl)amino]-2-oxoethyl}-2-pyridin-3-yl-1H-indole-6-carboxylic acid,  
3-cyclohexyl-1-[2-(hexahydropyrrolo[1,2-*a*]pyrazin-2(1H)-yl)-2-oxoethyl]-2-pyridin-3-yl-1H-indole-6-carboxylic acid,  
3-cyclopentyl-1-(2-{methyl[(1-methylpiperidin-4-yl)methyl]amino}-2-oxoethyl)-2-
- 20 phenyl-1H-indole-6-carboxylic acid,  
3-cyclopentyl-1-(2-{[(1-ethyl-5-oxopyrrolidin-3-yl)methyl]amino}-2-oxoethyl)-2-phenyl-1H-indole-6-carboxylic acid,  
3-cyclohexyl-2-{4-[2-(dimethylamino)-2-oxoethoxy]phenyl}-1-{2-[methyl(pyrazin-2-ylmethyl)amino]-2-oxoethyl}-1H-indole-6-carboxylic acid,
- 25 2-(4-chloro-2-fluorophenyl)-3-cyclohexyl-1-(2-morpholin-4-yl-2-oxoethyl)-1H-indole-6-carboxylic acid,  
3-cyclohexyl-1-(2-{[(1,1-dioxidotetrahydro-3-thienyl)methyl]amino}-2-oxoethyl)-2-(3-fluorophenyl)-1H-indole-6-carboxylic acid,  
2-biphenyl-3-yl-3-cyclohexyl-1-{2-[4-(dimethylamino)piperidin-1-yl]-2-oxoethyl}-
- 30 1H-indole-6-carboxylic acid,  
2-(2-chlorophenyl)-3-cyclohexyl-1-{2-[4-(dimethylamino)piperidin-1-yl]-2-oxoethyl}-1H-indole-6-carboxylic acid,

- 3-cyclohexyl-1-{2-[4-(dimethylamino)piperidin-1-yl]-2-oxoethyl}-2-(5-fluoro-2-methoxyphenyl)-1*H*-indole-6-carboxylic acid,  
3-cyclohexyl-1-{2-[4-(dimethylamino)piperidin-1-yl]-2-oxoethyl}-2-(3-thienyl)-1*H*-indole-6-carboxylic acid,  
5 2-[4-(benzyloxy)phenyl]-3-cyclohexyl-1-{2-[4-(dimethylamino)piperidin-1-yl]-2-oxoethyl}-1*H*-indole-6-carboxylic acid,  
3-cyclohexyl-1-{2-[4-(dimethylamino)piperidin-1-yl]-2-oxoethyl}-2-(4-isopropoxyphenyl)-1*H*-indole-6-carboxylic acid,  
3-cyclohexyl-1-{2-[4-(dimethylamino)piperidin-1-yl]-2-oxoethyl}-2-[3-(piperidin-1-ylcarbonyl)phenyl]-1*H*-indole-6-carboxylic acid,  
10 3-cyclohexyl-1-{2-[4-(dimethylamino)piperidin-1-yl]-2-oxoethyl}-2-(3-methylphenyl)-1*H*-indole-6-carboxylic acid,  
3-cyclohexyl-1-[2-(methylamino)-2-oxoethyl]-2-phenyl-1*H*-indole-5-carboxylic acid,  
3-cyclohexyl-1-(2-{methyl[(1-methylpiperidin-3-yl)methyl]amino}-2-oxoethyl)-2-phenyl-1*H*-indole-5-carboxylic acid,  
15 3-cyclohexyl-1-{2-[[2-(dimethylamino)-2-oxoethyl](methyl)amino]-2-oxoethyl}-2-phenyl-1*H*-indole-5-carboxylic acid,  
1-[2-(2-{[acetyl(methyl)amino]methyl}morpholin-4-yl)-2-oxoethyl]-3-cyclohexyl-2-(3-fluorophenyl)-1*H*-indole-6-carboxylic acid,  
20 3-cyclopentyl-1-[2-(1,1-dioxidothiomorpholin-4-yl)-2-oxoethyl]-2-phenyl-1*H*-indole-5-carboxylic acid,  
3-cyclopentyl-1-[2-oxo-2-(4-pyrrolidin-1-ylpiperidin-1-yl)ethyl]-2-phenyl-1*H*-indole-5-carboxylic acid,  
3-cyclopentyl-1-{2-[(cyclopropylmethyl)amino]-2-oxoethyl}-2-phenyl-1*H*-indole-5-carboxylic acid,  
25 3-cyclopentyl-1-(2-{[(1-ethyl-5-oxopyrrolidin-3-yl)methyl]amino}-2-oxoethyl)-2-phenyl-1*H*-indole-5-carboxylic acid,  
3-cyclohexyl-1-{2-[4-(dimethylamino)piperidin-1-yl]-2-oxoethyl}-2-pyrimidin-5-yl-1*H*-indole-6-carboxylic acid,  
30 2-(4-chlorophenyl)-3-cyclohexyl-1-[2-(4-methyl-1,4-diazepan-1-yl)-2-oxoethyl]-1*H*-indole-6-carboxylic acid,  
2-(4-chlorophenyl)-3-cyclohexyl-1-[2-(4-isopropylpiperazin-1-yl)-2-oxoethyl]-1*H*-indole-6-carboxylic acid,

- 2-(4-chlorophenyl)-3-cyclohexyl-1-[2-oxo-2-(3-pyrrolidin-1-ylpiperidin-1-yl)ethyl]-  
1*H*-indole-6-carboxylic acid,  
2-(4-chlorophenyl)-3-cyclohexyl-1-(2-oxo-2-piperazin-1-ylethyl)-1*H*-indole-6-  
carboxylic acid,
- 5 3-cyclohexyl-2-(3-furyl)-1-[2-oxo-2-(4-pyrrolidin-1-ylpiperidin-1-yl)ethyl]-1*H*-  
indole-6-carboxylic acid,  
3-cyclohexyl-1-(2-{2-[(dimethylamino)methyl]morpholin-4-yl}-2-oxoethyl)-2-(3-  
furyl)-1*H*-indole-6-carboxylic acid,  
1-[2-(4-azetidin-1-ylpiperidin-1-yl)-2-oxoethyl]-3-cyclohexyl-2-(4-methoxyphenyl)-  
10 1*H*-indole-6-carboxylic acid,  
3-cyclohexyl-2-(4-methoxyphenyl)-1-[2-oxo-2-(4-pyrrolidin-1-ylpiperidin-1-  
yl)ethyl]-1*H*-indole-6-carboxylic acid,  
3-cyclohexyl-1-{2-[4-(diethylamino)piperidin-1-yl]-2-oxoethyl}-2-(4-  
methoxyphenyl)-1*H*-indole-6-carboxylic acid,
- 15 3-cyclohexyl-2-{3-[(dimethylamino)methyl]phenyl}-1-[2-(dimethylamino)-2-  
oxoethyl]-1*H*-indole-6-carboxylic acid,  
3-cyclohexyl-1-[2-(dimethylamino)-2-oxoethyl]-2-{3-[(1-methylpiperidin-4-  
yl)oxy]phenyl}-1*H*-indole-6-carboxylic acid,  
3-cyclohexyl-1-[2-(dimethylamino)-2-oxoethyl]-2-phenyl-1*H*-pyrrolo[3,2-*b*]pyridine-  
20 6-carboxylic acid,  
3-cyclohexyl-1-[2-(dimethylamino)-2-oxoethyl]-2-(1-naphthyl)-1*H*-indole-6-  
carboxylic acid,  
3-cyclohexyl-1-[2-(dimethylamino)-2-oxoethyl]-2-(2-naphthyl)-1*H*-indole-6-  
carboxylic acid,
- 25 3-cyclohexyl-1-(2-morpholin-4-yl-2-oxoethyl)-1*H*,1'*H*-2,5'-bisindole-6-carboxylic  
acid,  
3-cyclohexyl-1-[2-(dimethylamino)-2-oxoethyl]-2-(8-methylquinolin-4-yl)-1*H*-indole-  
6-carboxylic acid,  
3-cyclohexyl-*N*-methyl-1-[2-(4-methylpiperazin-1-yl)-2-oxoethyl]-2-phenyl-1*H*-  
30 indole-6-carboxamide,  
3-cyclohexyl-*N*-[(4-methyl-1*H*-imidazol-2-yl)methyl]-1-(2-morpholin-4-yl-2-  
oxoethyl)-2-phenyl-1*H*-indole-6-carboxamide,  
3-cyclohexyl-1-(2-morpholin-4-yl-2-oxoethyl)-2-phenyl-1*H*-indole-6-carboxamide,

- 3-cyclohexyl-*N,N*-dimethyl-1-(2-morpholin-4-yl-2-oxoethyl)-2-phenyl-1*H*-indole-6-carboxamide,
- 3-cyclohexyl-*N*-isopropyl-1-(2-morpholin-4-yl-2-oxoethyl)-2-phenyl-1*H*-indole-6-carboxamide,
- 5 *N*-allyl-3-cyclohexyl-1-(2-morpholin-4-yl-2-oxoethyl)-2-phenyl-1*H*-indole-6-carboxamide,
- 3-cyclohexyl-*N*-[2-(dimethylamino)ethyl]-1-(2-morpholin-4-yl-2-oxoethyl)-2-phenyl-1*H*-indole-6-carboxamide,
- 3-cyclohexyl-*N*-[(1-methylpiperidin-3-yl)methyl]-1-(2-morpholin-4-yl-2-oxoethyl)-2-phenyl-1*H*-indole-6-carboxamide,
- 10 3-cyclohexyl-*N*-[(1-methylpyrrolidin-3-yl)methyl]-1-(2-morpholin-4-yl-2-oxoethyl)-2-phenyl-1*H*-indole-6-carboxamide,
- 3-cyclohexyl-6-[(4-methylpiperazin-1-yl)carbonyl]-1-(2-morpholin-4-yl-2-oxoethyl)-2-phenyl-1*H*-indole,
- 15 3-cyclohexyl-1-(2-morpholin-4-yl-2-oxoethyl)-2-phenyl-*N*-(tetrahydrofuran-3-yl)-1*H*-indole-6-carboxamide,
- 3-cyclohexyl-*N*-(1,1-dioxidotetrahydro-3-thienyl)-1-(2-morpholin-4-yl-2-oxoethyl)-2-phenyl-1*H*-indole-6-carboxamide,
- 3-cyclohexyl-*N*-(2-furylmethyl)-1-(2-morpholin-4-yl-2-oxoethyl)-2-phenyl-1*H*-indole-6-carboxamide,
- 20 3-cyclohexyl-*N*-[(6-methylpyridin-2-yl)methyl]-1-(2-morpholin-4-yl-2-oxoethyl)-2-phenyl-1*H*-indole-6-carboxamide,
- 3-cyclohexyl-1-(2-morpholin-4-yl-2-oxoethyl)-*N*,2-diphenyl-1*H*-indole-6-carboxamide,
- 25 *N*-benzyl-3-cyclohexyl-1-(2-morpholin-4-yl-2-oxoethyl)-2-phenyl-1*H*-indole-6-carboxamide,
- 4-{[3-cyclohexyl-1-(2-morpholin-4-yl-2-oxoethyl)-2-phenyl-1*H*-indol-6-yl]carbonyl}piperazin-2-one,
- 3-cyclohexyl-*N*-(2-methoxyethyl)-1-(2-morpholin-4-yl-2-oxoethyl)-2-phenyl-1*H*-indole-6-carboxamide,
- 30 3-cyclohexyl-*N*-(2-morpholin-4-ylethyl)-1-(2-morpholin-4-yl-2-oxoethyl)-2-phenyl-1*H*-indole-6-carboxamide,

- 3-cyclohexyl-*N*-[2-(1-methylpyrrolidin-3-yl)ethyl]-1-(2-morpholin-4-yl-2-oxoethyl)-2-phenyl-1*H*-indole-6-carboxamide,  
*N*-{[3-cyclohexyl-1-(2-morpholin-4-yl-2-oxoethyl)-2-phenyl-1*H*-indol-6-yl]carbonyl}-5-hydroxy-*L*-tryptophan,  
 5 3-cyclohexyl-1-(2-morpholin-4-yl-2-oxoethyl)-2-phenyl-*N*-[2-(1*H*-pyrazol-1-yl)ethyl]-1*H*-indole-6-carboxamide,  
 3-{3-cyclohexyl-1-[2-(4-methylpiperazin-1-yl)-2-oxoethyl]-2-phenyl-1*H*-indol-6-yl}-1,2,4-oxadiazol-5(4*H*)-one,  
 2-[3-cyclohexyl-6-(5-oxo-4,5-dihydro-1,2,4-oxadiazol-3-yl)-2-phenyl-1*H*-indol-1-yl]-  
 10 *N*-methyl-*N*-[(1-methylpiperidin-3-yl)methyl]acetamide,  
 2-[3-cyclohexyl-6-(5-oxo-4,5-dihydro-1,2,4-oxadiazol-3-yl)-2-phenyl-1*H*-indol-1-yl]-*N,N*-dimethylacetamide,  
 3-[3-cyclohexyl-1-(2-morpholin-4-yl-2-oxoethyl)-2-phenyl-1*H*-indol-6-yl]-1,2,4-oxadiazol-5(4*H*)-one,  
 15 2-[3-cyclohexyl-6-(5-oxo-4,5-dihydro-1,2,4-oxadiazol-3-yl)-2-phenyl-1*H*-indol-1-yl]-*N*-[(1-methylpyrrolidin-3-yl)methyl]acetamide,  
 3-[3-cyclohexyl-1-{2-[4-(dimethylamino)piperidin-1-yl]-2-oxoethyl}-2-(2-methylphenyl)-1*H*-indol-6-yl]-1,2,4-oxadiazol-5(4*H*)-one,  
 3-[3-cyclohexyl-1-{2-[4-(dimethylamino)piperidin-1-yl]-2-oxoethyl}-2-(2-fluorophenyl)-1*H*-indol-6-yl]-1,2,4-oxadiazol-5(4*H*)-one,  
 20 2-[3-cyclohexyl-2-(3-methoxyphenyl)-6-(5-oxo-4,5-dihydro-1,2,4-oxadiazol-3-yl)-1*H*-indol-1-yl]-*N,N*-dimethylacetamide,  
 3-[3-cyclohexyl-1-{2-[4-(dimethylamino)piperidin-1-yl]-2-oxoethyl}-2-(3-methoxyphenyl)-1*H*-indol-6-yl]-1,2,4-oxadiazol-5(4*H*)-one,  
 25 2-{3-cyclohexyl-6-(5-oxo-4,5-dihydro-1,2,4-oxadiazol-3-yl)-2-[3-(piperidin-1-ylmethyl)phenyl]-1*H*-indol-1-yl}-*N,N*-dimethylacetamide,  
 3-{3-cyclohexyl-1-(2-{3-[(dimethylamino)methyl]piperidin-1-yl}-2-oxoethyl)-2-[3-(piperidin-1-ylmethyl)phenyl]-1*H*-indol-6-yl}-1,2,4-oxadiazol-5(4*H*)-one,  
 3-[3-cyclohexyl-1-[2-(dimethylamino)-2-oxoethyl]-6-(5-oxo-4,5-dihydro-1,2,4-oxadiazol-3-yl)-1*H*-indol-2-yl]-*N,N*-dimethylbenzamide,  
 30 2-[3-cyclohexyl-2-(4-methoxyphenyl)-6-(5-oxo-4,5-dihydro-1,2,4-oxadiazol-3-yl)-1*H*-indol-1-yl]-*N,N*-dimethylacetamide,

- 2-[2-(4-chlorophenyl)-3-cyclohexyl-6-(5-oxo-4,5-dihydro-1,2,4-oxadiazol-3-yl)-1H-indol-1-yl]-N,N-dimethylacetamide,
- 3-(2-(4-chlorophenyl)-3-cyclohexyl-1-{2-[4-(dimethylamino)piperidin-1-yl]-2-oxoethyl}-1H-indol-6-yl)-1,2,4-oxadiazol-5(4H)-one,
- 5 3-[3-cyclohexyl-1-(2-{2-[(dimethylamino)methyl]morpholin-4-yl}-2-oxoethyl)-2-(4-fluorophenyl)-1H-indol-6-yl]-1,2,4-oxadiazol-5(4H)-one,
- 2-[3-cyclohexyl-2-(3-furyl)-6-(5-oxo-4,5-dihydro-1,2,4-oxadiazol-3-yl)-1H-indol-1-yl]-N,N-dimethylacetamide,
- 3-[3-cyclohexyl-1-(2-{2-[(dimethylamino)methyl]morpholin-4-yl}-2-oxoethyl)-2-(3-furyl)-1H-indol-6-yl]-1,2,4-oxadiazol-5(4H)-one,
- 10 3-[3-cyclohexyl-1-{2-[4-(dimethylamino)piperidin-1-yl]-2-oxoethyl}-2-(3-furyl)-1H-indol-6-yl]-1,2,4-oxadiazol-5(4H)-one,
- 3-[3-cyclohexyl-1-(2-{2-[(dimethylamino)methyl]morpholin-4-yl}-2-oxoethyl)-2-(5-methyl-2-furyl)-1H-indol-6-yl]-1,2,4-oxadiazol-5(4H)-one,
- 15 3-{3-cyclohexyl-1-{2-[4-(dimethylamino)piperidin-1-yl]-2-oxoethyl}-2-[5-(piperidin-1-ylmethyl)-2-furyl]-1H-indol-6-yl}-1,2,4-oxadiazol-5(4H)-one,
- 2-[3-cyclohexyl-2-(1-methyl-1H-pyrazol-4-yl)-6-(5-oxo-4,5-dihydro-1,2,4-oxadiazol-3-yl)-1H-indol-1-yl]-N,N-dimethylacetamide,
- 2-[3-cyclohexyl-6-(5-oxo-4,5-dihydro-1,2,4-oxadiazol-3-yl)-2-pyridin-3-yl-1H-indol-1-yl]-N,N-dimethylacetamide,
- 20 3-[3-cyclohexyl-1-(2-{3-[(dimethylamino)methyl]piperidin-1-yl}-2-oxoethyl)-2-pyridin-3-yl-1H-indol-6-yl]-1,2,4-oxadiazol-5(4H)-one,
- 2-[3-cyclohexyl-2-(6-methoxypyridin-3-yl)-6-(5-oxo-4,5-dihydro-1,2,4-oxadiazol-3-yl)-1H-indol-1-yl]-N,N-dimethylacetamide,
- 25 3-[3-cyclohexyl-1-{2-[4-(dimethylamino)piperidin-1-yl]-2-oxoethyl}-2-(6-methoxypyridin-3-yl)-1H-indol-6-yl]-1,2,4-oxadiazol-5(4H)-one,
- 2-[3-cyclohexyl-2-(2-methoxypyridin-4-yl)-6-(5-oxo-4,5-dihydro-1,2,4-oxadiazol-3-yl)-1H-indol-1-yl]-N,N-dimethylacetamide,
- 2-[3-cyclohexyl-2-{2-[2-(dimethylamino)ethoxy]pyridin-4-yl}-6-(5-oxo-4,5-dihydro-1,2,4-oxadiazol-3-yl)-1H-indol-1-yl]-N,N-dimethylacetamide,
- 30 3-cyclohexyl-1-[2-(dimethylamino)-2-oxoethyl]-N-(methylsulfonyl)-2-phenyl-1H-indole-6-carboxamide,

- 3-cyclohexyl-1-[2-(dimethylamino)-2-oxoethyl]-N-(ethylsulfonyl)-2-phenyl-1H-indole-6-carboxamide,  
3-cyclohexyl-1-[2-(dimethylamino)-2-oxoethyl]-N-(ethylsulfonyl)-2-(3-furyl)-1H-indole-6-carboxamide,
- 5 3-cyclohexyl-1-[2-(dimethylamino)-2-oxoethyl]-N-(ethylsulfonyl)-2-(6-methoxypyridin-3-yl)-1H-indole-6-carboxamide,  
3-cyclohexyl-N-(ethylsulfonyl)-2-(4-methoxyphenyl)-1-(2-morpholin-4-yl-2-oxoethyl)-1H-indole-6-carboxamide,  
3-cyclohexyl-1-[2-(dimethylamino)-2-oxoethyl]-N-(isopropylsulfonyl)-2-phenyl-1H-
- 10 indole-6-carboxamide,  
3-cyclohexyl-1-[2-(dimethylamino)-2-oxoethyl]-2-phenyl-N-(propylsulfonyl)-1H-indole-6-carboxamide,  
3-cyclohexyl-1-[2-(dimethylamino)-2-oxoethyl]-2-phenyl-N-[(2,2,2-trifluoroethyl)sulfonyl]-1H-indole-6-carboxamide,
- 15 benzyl (2-[[[3-cyclohexyl-1-[2-(dimethylamino)-2-oxoethyl]-2-phenyl-1H-indol-6-yl]carbonyl]amino]sulfonyl)ethyl)carbamate,  
N-[(2-aminoethyl)sulfonyl]-3-cyclohexyl-1-[2-(dimethylamino)-2-oxoethyl]-2-phenyl-1H-indole-6-carboxamide,  
3-cyclohexyl-N-{[2-(dimethylamino)ethyl]sulfonyl}-1-[2-(dimethylamino)-2-
- 20 oxoethyl]-2-phenyl-1H-indole-6-carboxamide,  
3-cyclohexyl-1-[2-(dimethylamino)-2-oxoethyl]-2-phenyl-N-[(2-phenylethyl)sulfonyl]-1H-indole-6-carboxamide,  
N-(benzylsulfonyl)-3-cyclohexyl-1-[2-(dimethylamino)-2-oxoethyl]-2-phenyl-1H-indole-6-carboxamide,
- 25 N-(benzylsulfonyl)-3-cyclohexyl-1-(2-{methyl[(1-methylpiperidin-3-yl)methyl]amino}-2-oxoethyl)-2-phenyl-1H-indole-6-carboxamide, ,  
N-(benzylsulfonyl)-3-cyclohexyl-1-[2-(dimethylamino)-2-oxoethyl]-2-(3-furyl)-1H-indole-6-carboxamide,  
3-cyclohexyl-1-[2-(dimethylamino)-2-oxoethyl]-2-phenyl-N-(phenylsulfonyl)-1H-
- 30 indole-6-carboxamide,  
3-cyclohexyl-1-[2-(dimethylamino)-2-oxoethyl]-N-[(4-methoxyphenyl)sulfonyl]-2-phenyl-1H-indole-6-carboxamide,

3-cyclohexyl-1-[2-(dimethylamino)-2-oxoethyl]-2-phenyl-N-(pyridin-3-ylsulfonyl)-1H-indole-6-carboxamide,

3-cyclohexyl-1-[2-(dimethylamino)-2-oxoethyl]-2-phenyl-N-(3-thienylsulfonyl)-1H-indole-6-carboxamide,

5 or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

4. A compound as claimed in any one of claims 1 to 3 or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof for use in therapy.

10 5. A pharmaceutical composition comprising a compound as claimed in any one of claims 1 to 3 or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, in association with a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier.

15 6. A method for the treatment or prevention of illness due to hepatitis C virus, which method comprises administration to a subject suffering from the condition a compound as claimed in any one of claims 1 to 3 or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

20 7. Use of a compound as claimed in any one of claims 1 to 3 or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof for the manufacture of a medicament for the treatment or prevention of infection by hepatitis C virus.

8. A process for the preparation of a compound as claimed in any one of claims 1 to 3.